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Mr G. M. West,

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Dear Friend:

The Panama City Pilot reached us a few weeks since relating the passing of your beloved wife. Eversince then Mrs Doble and I frequently talk about your severe loss. Judging from her bright cheery letter of last Aug't when she claimed to be fully recovered and the healthiest member of your family, we were not prepared for the tidings we read. It seems so mysterious that God should take one so talented, so dedicated and so devoted to all that is true and noble and good. In viewing this mystery, the poet has spoken wisely: "Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain, God is his own interpreter and he will make it plain" The Savior declared to his beloved: "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter" and the same words he speaks to you. We knew her only a short time, but that period was long enough to judge her qualities and to know how great is your loss. The influence of her personality will long linger upon us. Mrs Doble joins me in heartiest expressions of sympathy both to you and Grace and Philip.

Commending you to the comfortor divine,

Yours very sincerely,

W.B. Doble